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PERSONAL.
Miss Esther Killam, of Paupack, is visiting friends in the Capouse avenue.
Mrs. Flora Van Scholek, of Albion, Mich., is visiting relatives in the city.
Miss Blanche Wood and Miss Dodge, of Honesdale, are the guests of Green Ridge friends.
Motorman A. R. Hignett received on Saturday the sad intelligence of the death of his mother at Berkenhead, England.

Bishop Rulison and Rev. E. J. Haughton, of Pottsville, are guests of Rev. Rogers and Mrs. Israel at St. Luke's rectory.
George McDonald, ticket agent at the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western station, spent Saturday in New York city.

Chaperoned by Mrs. H. J. Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bellin, the following party of young people recently inspected The Tribune's typesetting machines and plant: Miss Knox, Miss Anderson, Miss Bellin, Mr. Clark, Mr. Anderson and Henry Bellin, Jr.
Mrs. Theo. A. White, a well known soprano of Binghamton, delighted Scrantonians yesterday while in the city visiting friends. At the morning service at the Second Presbyterian church Mrs. White rendered "The Beautiful Song" by Barry; and in the evening at Penn Avenue Baptist church she sang "Lead Kindly Light" by Shepherd.

THE BACHELORS' BALL.

Arrangements Made for Tonight's Brilliant Social Event.
The Bachelors' ball will be given to-night at the Frothingham. In music, dress and elaborateness of detail the ball promises to be at least the gala social affair of the season and has attracted unusual interest. For several days the members of the committee of arrangements have been busily engaged in preparing for the event.
For the convenience of prospective guests it may be well to note that carriages will be permitted to approach the entrance only from Spruce street, passing out on Linden. This plan, it is expected, will save time and avoid confusion. To avoid a crush following the ball, carriages will be called only for persons with their wraps on and at the door ready to depart.
During today the false flooring will be laid and decorations completed.

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POLICE MADE A BIG RAID

Four Gambling Dens Visited by Officers Saturday Night.

FORTY-ONE MEN GATHERED IN

Gambling Devices Valued at \$3,000 Were Confiscated—City Enriched \$800 by Fines—Prisoners Given a Hearing Before Alderman Fuller.

Probably the biggest raid ever made upon the gambling houses in Scranton occurred just before midnight Saturday when four of the largest of those establishments were raided and forty-one players, employes and proprietors caught in the police net. All the gambling paraphernalia was confiscated and taken to the policemen's room at headquarters which looked yesterday like a second-hand furniture store or the remains of a quiche party after a free fight. The prisoners were given hearings during the early hours of yesterday morning by Alderman Fuller in the mayor's office.

The place raided were Ell Ager's, over the Windsor, corner of Penn avenue and Linden street; Chris Annemans, at 215 Lackawanna avenue; Cyrus Cohen's, at 217 Lackawanna avenue; and Dummley & Keeley's, 221 Lackawanna avenue. The arrests were made upon information entered by Chief of Police Simpson before Alderman Fuller Saturday, complaints having been made by families of men who frequented three of the places pulled.

Descent Made Simultaneously.
The raids were made simultaneously about 11 o'clock by Lieutenants Spellman, Williams and Zang and Sergeant Dieter with four men each, all in citizens clothes. Five of the regular night patrolmen were on the alert about the exterior of the places visited to guard against the possibility of their escape, and Chief Simpson and Captain Edwards conducted the plan of operations. Lieutenant Davis superintended the confiscating of as mixed an assortment of gambler's playthings as ever ornamented the interior of a police station.

After the different squads reported at the mayor's office with their prisoners, the crowd showed a gathering containing individuals well known in the city's mercantile and professional circles. Excepting the attaches, proprietors and professional gamblers, fully one-half of the prisoners were men who in their every-day pursuits would never be suspected of so gross an amusement as "bucking the tiger"—but they were there, just the same, most of them very much chagrined and sheepish looking.

Hearing at Midnight.
Alderman Fuller was brought from his home and in a very short space of time had imposed fines which will make the city richer by about \$800. The proprietors of the four joints were fined \$100 each, and the players \$20; a tax of \$25 was levied upon each employe. Various excuses were offered by the prisoners in explanation of their presence in the gambling rooms, and the half of them who took oath that it was their first visit to the places, or had gone in on business, or were not playing, these were released without fine.

In all the places raided, "draw" or "stud" poker was being played, but each room contained one or two faro layouts, and in two of the places a roulette wheel was in evidence. The roulette table with an imbedded wheel taken from Ager's was a handsome piece of mahogany furniture and was purchased at a cost of \$250. Altogether there were brought to the central station about fifteen tables for faro, roulette and draw and stud poker, hundreds of packs of cards, several bushels of chips, faro markers and dealing boxes, and, in fact, about every article common to the American gambling joint. According to law the whole outfit will have to be destroyed, which means to the gamblers a loss of about \$3,000, exclusive of their fines.

DUFFY DECLARED INSANE.

He Was Taken Back Again to the Hillside Home.
Patrick Duffy, of South Washington avenue, who attempted suicide by taking a dose of laudanum on Friday night, was placed before Alderman Fuller on Saturday morning, who, after an investigation, ordered his removal to the Hillside Home.

Duffy is apparently about 18 years of age and has been an inmate of the Hillside Home for some time, and, of

late, his friends have had cause for renewed anxiety, owing to the indications of insanity which he had showed.

IN LOCAL THEATERS.

"Hoss and Hoss," the famous farce-comedy, has been secured by the manager of the Frothingham for the New Year's attraction at that theater. This is the best play of its class now before the public, and should draw large audiences here. "Hoss and Hoss" differs from most so-called farce-comedies in that it has a plot. There are a number of clever people in the company and each is equal to a pleasing specialty. The cast introduces an eccentric judge, an erratic lawyer, a typical Bowery girl, a humorous German sheriff, a Weary Wrangles tramp, and several pretty girls who sing and dance at every opportunity.

"Peck's Bad Boy" will be introduced at Davis' theater this afternoon, and there is every indication that a splendid treat will be given to those desirous of an afternoon of mirth and merriment. The company has been specially selected and the adaptation of the piece is excellent. The whole performance abounds in the merriest of fun and the pranks of the Bad Boy cannot fail but to be a great attraction at the popular theater. The piece will be seen at the theater Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons and evening.

Next Thursday, Jan. 3, at the Frothingham, Scranton will for the first time this season welcome the Lehigh University Glee and Band clubs. All the men in the city who are interested in the university, either by personal or family ties, are doing their utmost to insure the success of the concert, and it will undoubtedly be a very enjoyable occasion. This is the first extended trip the clubs have taken this year.

On Friday night the "Chimes of Normandy" will be produced at the Acad-



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emy of Music by the Scranton Oratorio society. The following is the cast of characters:

- Serpolette, the good for nothing. Miss Julia Allen
- Germaine, the last Marchioness. Mme. Louise Natall
- Gertrude. Miss Mame Fenner
- Jeanette. Miss Mame Jordan
- Suzanne. Miss Elizabeth
- Henry, Marquis of Cornville. Miss Ray Harding
- T. J. Watkins
- Jean Grenicheaux. J. J. Gleason
- Gaspard, a miser. Harry C. Peakes
- The Bailie. Dan Jordan
- Registrar. Robert Lynott
- Assessor. Herbert Johnson
- Notary. William Coyne
- Village Maidens, Sailors, Etc.

The opera will be produced under the direction of Professor Richard Lindsay. Mr. Peakes, who has been engaged for the role of Gaspard, will on Jan. 31 join Miss Lillian Russell and company, who are now playing the "Grand Duchess." Mr. Peakes will assume the character of General Baum.

Postoffice Hours Tomorrow.

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MINERS SAVED FROM FIRE

Fourteen Men Imprisoned Eight Hours Behind a Barricade.

NOBLE ACT OF FRANK BENNIE

Passed a Mass of Flames to Notify the Miners of Their Danger—Rescued by a Band of Forty Picked Men.

Fourteen miners had a thrilling experience and a narrow escape from death in the mine of the Lackawanna Coal company at Olyphant Friday night. While a portion of the mine near the hoisting engines was a mass of flames the men remained behind a barricade erected to protect them from the smoke and flames. They were in this perilous position for eight hours.

Frank Bennie, the engineer, discovered the fire in the engine room after his return from the workshop on the surface where he had gone to procure a bolt. Dense volumes of smoke filled the gangway and the engine room was a seething furnace.

When occurred an act of heroism which undoubtedly saved the lives of fourteen men and will put the name of Frank Bennie on the list of anthracite mine heroes. At the risk of his life he ran past the flames and into the mine beyond where the men were working.

Erected a Barricade.
After the alarm was given it was found impossible to get out, but the men remained cool and held a hurried council as to the best course to pursue. Charles W. Williams, Patrick T. Brennan, William T. Evans, Frank McCabe and Engineer Bennie, each an experienced miner, decided upon erecting a barricade of culm, rock and coal to protect themselves and nine Hungarians from suffocation and cremation.

It was between 7 and 8 o'clock Friday evening that the fire started, but not until 11 o'clock were the flames discovered and word carried to the surface. During the three hours preceding the imprisoned men were powerless to give the alarm and were kept behind their barricade until help arrived at 5 o'clock in the morning.

David Bennie, a miner, discovered the fire while on his way to work on the 11 p. m. shift. Outside Foreman William Harper and Inside Foreman J. K. Burkholder immediately called forty selected men into service and began operations for the rescue of the men inside. Mine Inspector Roderick, who arrived on the scene from Providence soon after being notified of the fire, and Foreman Burkholder led the rescuers down an air shaft nearly 3,000 feet from the main opening.

Descended on Ladders.
The descent of about 175 feet was made by ladders and upon reaching the bottom the party was led by experts to the point where the fourteen imprisoned men lay. The barricade was torn down and at 5 o'clock Saturday morning rescuers and rescued safely reached the surface.

The Olyphant and Priceburg Hose companies meanwhile had willingly responded to the call for service and after considerable difficulty a long line of hose was carried into the mine. At 8 o'clock Saturday night the flames were under control and two hours later were practically subdued. O. S. Johnson, superintendent of the company, was on the scene all day Saturday.

John S. Jones was severely burned. He was the only person injured.
Many of the timbers supporting the roof were burned and a large quantity of rock and coal has fallen. The place where the fire occurred is at a depth of 165 feet, 200 feet from the foot of the air shaft and 2,700 feet from the main shaft and at the head of what was known as No. 1 plane.

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